

**STATE OF KANSAS
BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

A public hearing will be conducted at 9 a.m. Monday, December 16, 2013 in Room 509 of the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, Kansas 66612 to consider the adoption of an amended administrative regulation.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed amendments to the regulation. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the deputy director, Board of Emergency Medical Services, Room 1031, Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, Kansas 66612. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the adoption of the proposed amendments to the regulation during the hearing. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit any oral presentations to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulation and economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Ann Stevenson at 785-296-7296. Handicapped parking is located in front of and to the north of the Landon State Office Building.

This regulation is being proposed for adoption on a permanent basis. A summary of the proposed regulation follows:

K.A.R. 109-15-2, Recognition of non-Kansas credentials, is an existing regulation that further defines the process for gaining Kansas attendant certification through the legal recognition of a non-Kansas credential, training, and examination.

There is no anticipated economic impact to any governmental agency or unit or to the general public in the adoption of this revised regulation. There is minimal anticipated economic impact to some of the persons subject to the revised regulation resulting from not being required to obtain additional education at cost to the person requesting recognition.

Copies of the complete regulation, the documents adopted by reference, and the complete economic impact statement may be obtained from the Board of Emergency Medical Services at the contact information above or can be accessed at www.ksbems.org.

109-15-2. Recognition of non-Kansas credentials. (a) Any applicant individual who is currently licensed or certified as an attendant in another jurisdiction may apply for Kansas ~~attendant~~ certification through recognition of non-Kansas credentials by ~~meeting~~ submitting the following requirements:

(1) ~~Submitting~~ A completed application for ~~certification to~~ recognition of non-Kansas credentials on a form provided by the board;

(2) ~~providing documentation that enables the board to determine whether the applicant's coursework is substantially equivalent to that required by Kansas application for the certification fee for the level requested of certification sought, as specified in K.A.R. 109-7-1;~~

(3) ~~providing verification that the applicant has successfully completed an examination approved by the board;~~

(4) ~~providing documentation from the another state or jurisdiction certifying authority verifying that the applicant is currently licensed or certified for the level of certification sought and is in good standing; and~~

(5)(4) ~~paying the applicable fee specified in K.A.R. 109-7-1. documentation from another state or jurisdiction verifying that the applicant has successfully completed coursework that is substantially equivalent to the curriculum prescribed by the board for the level of certification sought, in accordance with subsection (b); and~~

(5) documentation from another state or jurisdiction verifying that the applicant has successfully completed an examination prescribed by the board for the level of certification sought, in accordance with subsection (b).

~~(b) Any applicant who is not currently certified as an attendant in another jurisdiction but has completed attendant~~ may validate successful completion of coursework in another state or jurisdiction may apply that is substantially equivalent to the curriculum prescribed by the board for Kansas attendant the level of certification sought by meeting submitting one of the following requirements:

~~(1) Submitting a completed application for certification to the board;~~ Documentation that the applicant is registered with the national registry of emergency medical technicians at the level for which certification is sought; or

~~(2) providing documentation that enables the board to determine whether the applicant's coursework is substantially equivalent to that required in Kansas for the certification level requested;~~ applicant has successfully completed the following:

(A) The national registry of emergency medical technicians' cognitive assessment examination and the psychomotor skills examination prescribed by the national registry of emergency medical technicians or by the board;

and

~~(3) successfully completing the examination for certification prescribed in K.A.R. 109-8-1 for the level of attendant certification requested; and~~

~~(4) paying the applicable fee specified in K.A.R. 109-7-1.~~

~~(c) Each applicant meeting the criteria in subsection (a) or (b) whose coursework is deemed not substantially equivalent to that required by the board shall obtain additional coursework for the level of certification sought, as follows:~~

~~(1) (B)(i) For first responder, emergency medical responder, coursework that included the United States department of transportation national highway traffic safety administration "emergency medical responder instructional guidelines," DOT HS 811 077B, dated January 2009, which is hereby adopted by reference;~~

~~(ii) for emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or coursework that included the United States department of transportation national highway traffic safety administration "emergency medical technician instructional guidelines," DOT HS 811 077C, dated January 2009, which is hereby adopted by reference;~~

~~(iii) for advanced emergency medical technician, the requirements~~

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~~listed in K.A.R. 109-10-1, which shall be provided by a Kansas certified EMS instructor coordinator or training officer; or coursework that included the United States department of transportation national highway traffic safety administration~~

"advanced emergency medical technician instructional guidelines," DOT HS 811 077D, dated January 2009, which is hereby adopted by reference; or

~~(2) for mobile intensive care technician or paramedic, coursework attained through a paramedic program accredited by the commission on accreditation of allied health education programs.~~

~~(d) For the purposes of this regulation, "substantially equivalent" coursework shall mean an initial course of instruction that includes at least 90 percent of the content in the Kansas emergency medical services education standards for the level of training sought, as required by K.A.R. 109-10-1, and the following:~~

~~(1) For first responders, emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technicians intermediate, and advanced emergency medical technicians, the requirements listed in K.A.R. 109-10-1; and~~

~~(2) for mobile intensive care technicians and paramedics, completion~~

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~~of at least 90 percent of each of the following requirements specified in K.A.R. 109-10-1 and 109-11-6:~~

~~(A) The didactic hours;~~

~~(B) the clinical hours;~~

~~(C) the field internship hours; and~~

~~(D)~~ (iv) the total number of required course hours for paramedics, either coursework completed after December 31, 2008 that included the United States department of transportation national highway traffic safety administration "paramedic instructional guidelines," DOT HS 811 077E, dated January 2009, which is hereby adopted by reference, or coursework completed before January 1, 2009 that included the United States department of transportation national highway traffic safety administration "EMT-paramedic national standard curriculum," DOT HS 808 862, dated March 1999, which is hereby adopted by reference. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2010 2012 Supp. 65-6111; implementing K.S.A. 2010 2012 Supp. 65-6129, as amended by L. 2013, ch. 95, sec. 4; effective May 15, 2009; amended Sept. 2, 2011; amended P-_____.)



James R. Behan, Chair
Steven Sutton, Executive Director

**Board of
Emergency Medical Services
ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
K.A.R. 109-15-2**

Sam Brownback, Governor

I. Summary of Proposed Regulation, Including Its Purpose.

K.A.R. 109-15-2 is the regulation that defines the process for recognizing non-Kansas credentials. The purpose of this regulation is to provide individuals that are certified or licensed in another jurisdiction the ability to gain Kansas certification as an attendant by recognizing they have met similar qualifications by their current credentials, training, and examination.

II. Reason or Reasons the Proposed Regulation Is Required, Including Whether or Not the Regulation Is Mandated by Federal Law.

K.S.A. 65-6129 states what must be in place in order for an individual to obtain Kansas certification. This regulation further defines that process for individuals that are certified or licensed in another jurisdiction and details out the criteria used in determining substantially equivalent coursework and an examination approved by the board. This regulation is not mandated by federal law.

III. Anticipated Economic Impact upon the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services.

There will be no economic impact to the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services associated with this regulatory addition.

IV. Anticipated Financial Impact upon Other Governmental Agencies and upon Private Business or Individuals.

There will be no economic impact on other governmental agencies or private business. There may be a minimal economic impact to individuals associated with this regulatory revision in that the majority of individuals utilizing this proposed regulation will not be required to pay for obtaining additional education that they would be required to pay for under the existing regulation.

V. Anticipated Economic Impact upon Consumers of the Services Subject to the Regulation or Its Enforcement.

There may be a minimal economic impact on Emergency Medical Services attendants, agencies or other Emergency Medical Services related entities associated with this regulatory addition. This minimal economic impact may be a slight loss in income from completing education at an accredited post-secondary school for incoming paramedics and a slight increase in educational requirements and costs at the local service level. A majority of candidates that utilize this regulation would not require additional education under the proposed revised regulation. We anticipate less than 30 individuals per year (of the approximate 250 applicants) would not meet the proposed requirements and would need to complete further education.

VI. Less Costly or Intrusive Methods That Were Considered, but Rejected, and the Reason for Rejection.

This proposed regulation incorporates the less costly method.